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Listing of Claims:

1-24.   (Cancelled.)

25.   (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

monitoring an output of an electrically powered device; and

comparing the output to a database of operating profiles for the electrically powered device to detect an abnormal condition and to adjust billing charges when the electrically powered device is in the abnormal condition, the database of operating profiles includes a plurality of power usage profiles being regular operating power profiles and abnormal operating power profiles, each abnormal operating power profile to denote an abnormal condition.

26.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein each power usage profile is a function of amperage and time.

27.   (Withdrawn): A method comprising:

monitoring an output of an electrically powered device; and

comparing the output to a database of operating profiles including a plurality of power usage profiles, each power usage profile being a function of amperage and time, for the electrically powered device to detect an abnormal condition and to adjust billing charges when the electrically powered device is experiencing the abnormal condition being a paper jam.

28.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the first condition is a catastrophic condition.

29.   (Previously Presented) A software module embodied for execution by a controller, the software module comprising:

software to monitor an output of an electrically powered device; and

software to compare the output to a plurality of power usage profiles for the electrically powered device to detect a first condition and to adjust billing charges when the electrically powered device is experiencing the first condition being a paper jam.

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30.   (Previously Presented) A software module embodied for execution by a controller, the software module comprising:

software to monitor an output of an electrically powered device; and

software to compare the output to a plurality of power usage profiles for the electrically powered device to detect a first condition and to adjust billing charges when the electrically powered device is in the first condition, the electrically powered device is placed in the first condition in response to an abnormal operating condition.

31.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 40, wherein the abnormal condition is a paper jam.

32.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 29, wherein each power usage profile is a function of amperage and time.

33.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 30 further comprising software to record the plurality of power usage profiles.

34.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 29 further comprising a user interface software to enable programmability of conditions to adjust billing charges for usage of the electrically powered device including the first condition.

35.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 29, wherein the electrically powered device is a printer.

36.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 30, wherein the electrically powered device is an appliance.

37.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 30 further comprising software to record the plurality of power usage profiles.

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38.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 30, wherein each power usage profile is a function of amperage and time.

39.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 30 further comprising a user interface software to enable programmability of conditions to adjust billing charges for usage of the electrically powered device including the first condition.

40.   (Previously Presented) The software module of claim 30, wherein the electrically powered device is a printer.

41.   (New) A method comprising:
monitoring an output of an electrically powered device; and
comparing the output to a plurality of operating profiles associated with the electrically powered device to detect an abnormal condition and to adjust billing charges when the electrically powered device is in the abnormal condition, the plurality of operating profiles includes a plurality of power usage profiles includes an abnormal operating power profile of the electrically powered device to denote the abnormal condition.

42.   (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the plurality of operating profiles includes a plurality of power usage profiles being regular operating power profiles of the electrically powered device and the abnormal operating power profile.

43.   (New) The method of claim 41, wherein each power usage profile is a function of amperage and time.

44.   (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the monitoring of the output of an electrically powered device is a monitoring of the output of a printer.

45.   (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the monitoring of the output of an electrically powered device is a monitoring of the output of an appliance.